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## Message from the Sheriff

On September 14, 2018, Henderson County held a community briefing to update the public on preparedness efforts concerning Hurricane Florence and the impacts we can expect to see in our county.



A few points to remember as we head into the weekend:

- Be prepared for the worst. Emergency Services recommend you have 72 hours worth of food, water and supplies in your home. At this point in time we are expecting 5-10" of rain along with flash flooding and the potential for landslides in areas along the Blue Ridge Escarpment.
- Be vigilant and pay attention to forecasts and what is going on around you.
- Be thinking about your neighbors, friends and family and how you can help them prepare and respond to whatever the storm brings our way.
- Do not drive into flooded roadways or around barricades.
- Only call 911 for actual emergencies.

The unpredictable nature of Hurricane Florence reminds us that we all need to be prepared. Think ahead and actively plan. What can you do to make you're your family is safe and prepared? Be informed and take action ahead of impending inclement weather events. Make a check list and complete the list. There are resources available online that will assist you. Visit <https://www.ready.gov> to get informed, make a plan and create a family emergency kit. Be sure to register for [Nixle Emergency Alerts](#) and download the [Ready NC mobile app](#) to keep informed of all types of emergencies. Be proactive. Our safety, welfare, and security start with us as individuals.

We all need to remember that the ability to take positive actions in survival situations gives us hope and motivation to endure, and possibly to help others in need. Preplanning and preparing, even at the most basic level, is critical to morale and survivability. That survivability is enhanced if we plan and practice with our family, our neighbors and our community. Why wait for disaster to fall when we could be learning from events around us, forming bonds with neighbors and identifying skill sets, resources and responsibilities with those who will likely be our closest lifeline in time of need? That is what community is all about. Think about it. If you are blessed with never having to shelter in place or evacuate from a disaster area, what better way to meet the neighbors, find new friends and take reasonable precautions for the sake of your own family and neighborhood?

In preparing for whatever weather impacts we receive as a result of Hurricane Florence, I see again, how blessed Henderson County is with our emergency services personnel. There is much collaboration between emergency management, fire departments, rescue squad, our local law enforcement agencies, elected officials, hospitals, school system, and other organizations. I encourage you and your family to be as self-sufficient as possible and provide help to the elderly, neighbors and other family members who may require extra assistance so that first responders can do what they have been called to do.



Sheriff Charles S. McDonald

## Upcoming Events

### **Aging in Place Pill Collection Event (9/20)**

Aging Projects, Inc. 5th annual "Aging in Place. It's In Your Future," National Conference connects seniors, caregivers and community organizations with resources to age in place. The conference will be held at Blue Ridge Community College Technology Education Development Center and is free of charge. Find more information at [www.agingprojectsinc.org](http://www.agingprojectsinc.org). The Henderson County Sheriff's Office, HopeRX and TRIAD will be hosting a pill drop from 9am-12pm where the public can drop off unused/expired medication.

### **Fiesta Hendersonville (9/23)**

The Sheriff's Office will be participating in Fiesta Hendersonville, a celebration of Latin American countries hosted by [Hola Carolina](#) and held in downtown Hendersonville, on September 23, 2018.

### **Henderson County Tax Sale (9/26)**

A tax foreclosure sale will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10am on the Henderson County Courthouse steps. \*\*This date was originally scheduled for earlier in the month, but changed due to advertising complications.\*\* For more information and to view the complete notice of sale, please visit the [Sheriff's Office website](#).

**To view all upcoming events, visit the [Sheriff's Office calendar](#).**

## Hometown Heroes

**Each month we would like to celebrate a few of the achievements and victories of our employees and volunteers.**

On Wednesday, July 18, 2018, Sabrina Williams answered a 911 call regarding a subject who had just entered a local business with a gun and walked into a back room. The subject was not known to the caller, who was an employee of the business. Sabrina answered the call, collected vital information from the caller and entered the call into CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) within 15 seconds. As soon as the call arrived in CAD, Emily McIntyre immediately began dispatching officers to respond. Sabrina continued to update CAD with additional information from the caller, while Emily relayed the information to responders via radio. After officers arrived on scene, Emily continued to relay and log critical information, while ensuring officer safety. Due to the efficient way in which this call was answered and dispatched, officers arrived within minutes and the scene was made safe. The professional way that this call was handled, helped to ensure that no employees, customers or responders were injured. Great professionalism, proficiency and teamwork was exhibited by these telecommunicators during this critical incident.



On August 14, 2018, Major Frank Stout presented Emily McIntyre (far left) and Sabrina Williams (center) with certificates of commendation.

On August 18, 2018, Deputy GW Mayo answered a call on Double Creek Lane in Flat Rock where a bear cub had found its way into a dog trap and could not escape. To make matters more interesting, the cub's mama was in the area as well!

Deputy Mayo stayed on scene to make sure no one got between the mama bear and her cub until the Wildlife Officer was able to respond. Deputy Mayo assisted in getting the cub out of the trap while the mama bear was circling and getting more upset. The Wildlife Officer and Deputy Mayo were able to free the cub without injuring it. Then the cub and its mama went on their way.



Great job by Deputy GW Mayo for assisting Wildlife with the call and keeping the scene secure until their arrival!

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On Monday, July 30th, Stephanie Brackett answered a 911 call from an elderly female whose husband was unresponsive. During the phone call it was determined that the husband was in full arrest. Utilizing Emergency Medical Dispatch, Stephanie immediately began providing CPR instructions. Even though the caller was extremely distraught, Stephanie remained calm and was able to coach the caller to perform lifesaving CPR until first responders arrived on-scene. Upon arrival, they confirmed that they were working a full arrest. Later in the afternoon, the responding EMS crew called to advise that the husband had been resuscitated and admitted to the hospital. No doubt, Stephanie's ability to take control of the call and calmly provide CPR instructions to the caller played a critical role in the patient's survival.

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On August 28, 2018, Stephanie Brackett was presented with a Lifesaving certificate and pin by Chief Deputy Jason Brown

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On August 18, 2018, Detention Officer Kiel Boyette was scanning the incoming inmate mail when he identified ten suboxone strips taped along the flap of an envelope. This is a great example of our detention officers' attention to detail and the work they do to prevent contraband from being introduced into the jail facility.

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Congratulations to Chief Deputy Jason Brown on his appointment as City Manager in Claremont, NC. He began in his new post on September 4th. In a message to the men and women of the Sheriff's Office, Chief Brown wrote, "I am humbled when I see your dedication each and every day in the face of adversity...It is your hard work, commitment to excellence and willingness to do whatever it takes to accomplish the mission that has made us second to none."



New Claremont City Manager Jason Brown being sworn in on September 10, 2018 during a City Council Meeting

Although we are sad to see Chief Deputy Jason Brown go, we wish him the best on this new chapter!

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Henderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies made XXX arrests between DATE and DATE. Below are links to some newsworthy arrests and events from the past month.

[Hendersonville man charged with felony statutory rape](#) (Times-News)

[3 arrested after shots fired call in Henderson Co.](#) (WSPA)

[Henderson County S.O.: Sex offender arrested for drug charges, being on school grounds](#) (Fox Carolina)

[Man duct-taped puppy's mouth, body, injured its face, deputies say](#) (WYFF)

[Deputies: Suspicious activity call turns up stolen property, drugs](#) (WLOS)

## National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. It is a time to focus our attention on the importance of preparing our families, homes, businesses, and communities for disasters that threaten our lives, property, and homeland.

Over the past 2 years, our community has witnessed and endured damaging wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters.

The Party Rock fire of November 2016 burned approximately 5,700 acres costing approximately 15 million dollars. Authorities drove house to house knocking on doors in more than 15 communities. Over 1,000 people were affected by mandatory or voluntary evacuations in Henderson and Buncombe Counties. Firefighters from 21 states came to combat the fire, working 16-hour days.





--Communications

Family Plan already in place  
Cell phone (sign up for emergency alerts)

Emergency Radio that runs off of battery or crank  
Extra batteries  
Maps local area and surrounding

--Miscellaneous

Pocket Knife  
LED flashlight extra batteries  
First aid kit  
Personal documents such as legal documents, vaccination records, insurance policies,

passport, IDs  
Cash, prepaid phone card, credit/debit card  
Personal items toiletries, medications (prescriptions and over the counter), hand sanitizer, pen and paper, duct tape, cordage, small shovel  
Specialized items for infants, pets, and the elderly



Remember this is a basic list that you can use to get started and customize to your family's needs. It is not a comprehensive list.

Visit the following sites for additional guidance:

<https://www.ready.gov/>  
<https://www.redcross.org/>

To stay informed, sign up for local Nixle Emergency Alerts by texting your zip code to 888777 or by visiting [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). ReadyNC is a great resource that provides weather updates, traffic conditions and emergency preparedness resources. Download the ReadyNC app on your phone or visit [www.ReadyNC.org](http://www.ReadyNC.org) for more information.



Thank you Julie Kidd for compiling this important information!

## **Rave Panic App Provided to Henderson County School Faculty**

On August 16, 2018, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Henderson County Public Schools announced that all faculty at Henderson County Public Schools' 23 schools, including Henderson County Early College and Career Academy on the Blue Ridge Community College campus, will be supplied with the Rave Panic Button from Rave Mobile Safety. The alerting system app allows staff to communicate emergencies with 911 telecommunicators, on-site staff and first responders with the touch of a button.

The app provides first responders with the caller's location, campus floor plans, emergency contacts and other information. Lisha Stanley, communications director for the sheriff's office, explained the app has an interface that allows users to select the type of emergency: active shooter, police, fire, EMS or other.



"One of the benefits of the panic button app is that it gives staff on campus the ability to let our 911 Center know what type of emergency response is needed," said Stanley. "Administrators on campus along with school resource deputies receive simultaneous notifications when an emergency call has been placed."

"We know that every second counts in an emergency, especially in an active shooter situation," said Sheriff Charles McDonald. "Over the past few months, our Sheriff's Office along with school administrators and county officials have been working to equip our campuses with this potentially lifesaving technology." Supplying panic button licenses to faculty is the latest addition in a wide-ranging school security plan involving additional school resource deputies, ongoing extra security checks, enhanced protocols and continued training.

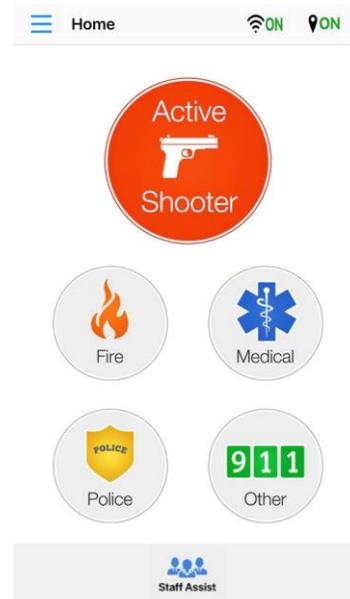
Henderson County began testing the Rave Panic Button in the spring with a limited number of users. Since then, minor medical emergencies have been successfully reported using the app. The goal is to have every public school employee and Mountain Community School employee equipped to use the panic button as the traditional school calendar begins. Year-round schools have already been equipped with the capabilities.

"Our students, faculty, and staff across the county are already protected by the best local law enforcement," said Bo Caldwell, Superintendent of Henderson County Public Schools. "Now they'll be immediately connected to 911 and other emergency personnel through the best technology."

The addition of the Rave Panic Button follows closely behind the release of the 'Report It, Don't Ignore It' threat reporting app developed by Henderson County Public Schools to enhance communication among its students, parents, teachers, administrators and law enforcement concerning bullying, drugs, threats and other concerns.

Henderson County officials, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, plan to equip Henderson County government buildings and staff with the Rave Panic Button in the next few months.

[Watch the WLOS story](#)



## Recent Events

### Mills River Pill Collection Event

The Mills River Pill Collection and Document Shred event, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union, Town of Mills River, and Ingles Marketplace, brought in a total of 63.06 net pounds of unused medication! 6,700 pounds of documents were shredded!



Photo credit: Ingles Markets & photographer Andrea Cherie Thompson

Thank you Julie Huneycutt, Jim Smeaton, Curt Crowhurst, Jill Hart, Deputy Kandy Carland, Deputy Frank Towle, Deputy Gary Cox, Angie LaRue, Leslie Kingsbury, Don "Dess" Dessenberger, Nick Zecher and HCSO Cadet Alberto Gonzalez for working this event! Traffic support was provided by Jim Nunziato and Steve Campbell with the HCSO VIPs.

Thank you [Hope Rx](#) and [Triad Henderson County](#) for continuing to partner with us to bring these important events to locations across Henderson County.

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### **HCSO Cadets**

During one of the Cadet's meetings in August, they learned about high risk vehicle stops. Joining the cadet program is a great way for young people to learn important skills for a future career in law enforcement! Find out more details and how to apply by visiting the [Cadet's webpage](#).



### **Back to School Fest**

On August 25th, Deputy Rick Dudney, Telecommunicator Logan Ford and Telecommunicator Stephanie Brackett joined community partners at the Back to School Fest in Sullivan Park to give students school supplies and connect families with resources before the new school year. Over 600 people were in attendance with more than 200 backpacks with supplies being distributed.



## #SRO Challenge

Some of our School Resource Deputies had a little fun on the first day of school and joined School Resource Officers from across the county to post their back to school photos. In this photo, Deputy Dudney is being dragged back to school by Corporal Gaddy.

(Deputy Dudney actually loves being the SRD at Apple Valley Middle School, but we got a kick out of this photo!)



## Mills River Party in the Park

Deputy Aly and Deputy Oliver got to meet a lot of students preparing for the school year during the Mills River Party in the Park event. The students loved getting to sit in a patrol car and getting to hold a ballistic shield!



## Class of 2031

School Resource Deputies helped pass out 'Class of 2031' t-shirts to Kindergartners during the first week of school. This is a great opportunity for these students to get to know the deputies and see that they are there to help them.



## Did you know?

To celebrate National Dog Day we shared some fun facts about our Henderson County Sheriff's Office K9s!

Name: Maik

Breed: Belgian Malinois

Age: 3 1/2

Handler: Deputy Robert Pace

Fun fact from Deputy Pace: 'He is the only dog from his blood line currently working in the United States.'



Name: Bailey

Breed: Bloodhound

Age: Almost 3

Handler: Deputy Jonathan Collier

Fun fact from Deputy Collier: 'Bailey's favorite treat is Lays Original chips!'



Name: Gitmo

Breed: Belgian Malinois

Age: Will be 4 this year

Handler: Deputy Corey Smith

Fun fact from Deputy Smith: 'He likes to chase the cats in the house and lick their ears. He has a new Great Dane puppy sister that he's helping to train. His favorite snack is ice cream.'



Name: Echo  
Breed: Bloodhound  
Age: Will be 3 in November  
Handler: Deputy Jon Brezillac  
Fun fact from Deputy Brezillac: 'She is eager to work and loves play time. She loves playing fetch and jumping in the pool.'



Name: Ranger  
Breed: Belgian Malinois  
Age: 2  
Handler: Deputy Ben Hawkins  
Fun fact from Deputy Hawkins: 'He loves coming to work, riding in the car, fetch, and occasionally trying to chew on my couch when I'm not looking.'



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